

# Lions' tail

## *Leonotis nepetifolia*

Lion's tail is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory

Lion's tail is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weed Management Act*.

### HABIT



Usually found in disturbed areas, roadsides, overgrazed sites and levee banks of rivers.

### STEMS & BRANCHES



An erect annual herb to 3m tall, sparsely branched and covered in short white hairs. Stems are square with a distinct groove along each side.

### LEAVES



Leaves are opposite with serrated edges, and are quite large when young.

### FLOWERS



Orange pom-pom flowers form in clusters, 5 - 6cm in diameter and held within small sharp leaves (bracts).

### FRUIT & SEEDS



Seeds are triangular, velvety and hairy, and are produced in large quantities.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).